



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the February 2019 eNews

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Items for the next eNews before **9am Thursday, 21st February 2019** please. It would be helpful if people sent their news items in good time, otherwise they risk not getting them published.

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Do visit our [WEBSITE](#) on a regular basis. It contains a calendar of events, information on activities, how to contact committee members, group leaders and much, **much** more.

### **COFFEE MORNING** ([Webpage](#))

PLEASE REMEMBER THE COFFEE MORNING ON **WEDNESDAY, 13th February 2019**

### **CYCLING GROUP**

The group has been planning our 2019 programme. Keep an eye on our Webpage showing twice monthly rides March to October catering for all abilities. An **INTRODUCTORY RIDE** on Monday 18 March from Hulme End along the Manifold old railway track, traffic free. This should appeal to all categories of riders. We shall divide the route of 16 miles so that those who only want to do, say 5 miles, will be escorted back to the Tea Junction cafe at Hulme End to indulge in tea and cake til the others return, a little later.

**PARKING IS FREE AT THE CAFE**, on the understanding that we all patronise their catering after the ride!

We hope to attract some new riders, so come along and try us out. We are a friendly lot, but not very fit.

Further details from Joan Charles 01538 753545

### **Ukulele Group**

Accordions and Ukuleles!

On Saturday 2 March members of the Ukulele Group (UKE3A) are taking part in a Charity Concert at the Methodist Church at 7.30 pm. This is a joint concert with the North Staffs Accordion Band and several of our own U3A members play in this band also. Tickets are priced at just £5 and will be on sale at the February coffee morning or ordered from Barry on 01538 755796 or Vivienne on 01538 266956.

### **U3A Birders**

A group of our U3A Birders went to Gigrin Farm in Rhyader in Wales in October last year and Jeannie Reilly one of our members, wrote about this visit for 'Writing for Pleasure'.

(If you need any more information please let me know)

Val Williamson

U3A Birders Co-ordinator

### **Sewing Group**

Sewsocial meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 at Freehay Village Hall. It is a social sewing group and all needlecrafts are welcome. The intention is not teaching but learning by sharing knowledge. There are occasional group projects, but they are not

compulsory. Please bring your own projects with you, including your sewing machine, if you wish. We also have materials you can use. Refreshments are available and there is plentiful parking. Ring Allison on 07973 123392 for more information.

### **Dining Club.**

Sadly, Mavis Williams has had to give up co-ordinating this monthly group of diners. The co-ordinator liaises with members and arranges venues once a month. If anyone is interested in organising this popular group please contact the Group Leaders' Co-ordinator, Helen Wainwright on 01538 753326.

### **BARN DANCE**

Our social event for the spring is a Barn Dance with music from The Weasel's Revenge Folk Band with caller Sylvia Fisher. It will take place on Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm until 10.30 pm in Cheadle Guild Hall. Tickets will be on sale at the next U3A coffee morning or please ring Ann Mundy on 01538 308049 or email [ann@themundys.org](mailto:ann@themundys.org).

Tickets are £4 and it's bring your own drinks and nibbles.

### **Guitar Group**

Your very own band, Vital Sparks, will be playing in the Guild Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 7-30 p.m. until 10-30 p.m. This is an event on behalf of Cheadle Guild Hall. Tickets, priced £5, will be available at the next U3A coffee morning, or ring Roy Scott on 07751 180812. They are also available at Moshi on the High Street.

### **Drama Group.**

We are still rehearsing hard for the One Act Festival at the Mitchell Theatre in Hanley in March. We are entering two plays this time. This event is open to the public if you wish to come along and support us. More details in the next e-news.

Marge Stanley,  
Leader.

### **Garden for Pleasure.**

Hello Everyone. Season's greetings to you all. I am looking forward to our second season, which will commence in March. More details will follow in the March e-news or in my group e-mail. We will, of course, be planning our year at this first meeting. We will all have a say so get your thinking caps on! I have flyers on the London's Greatest Garden trip in May. You can come to see me at home if you want one: 60 Tean Rd. ST10 1 LY. We need to book up soon. Well, keep thinking. Regards Val Egerton (Group Leader)

### **Architecture Group**

We meet once again on the 20th February to explore the Georgian period and the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. An exciting period in English history, expanding across the world until Britain controlled one quarter of the population, exporting goods and expertise to all of those countries. The wealth was reflected in the architecture for the upper and middle classes, but the workers who manufactured the wealth went unrecognised and led a life of poverty. There is a massive increase in factories and the machinery to drive them so we have lots of industrial architecture to explore. Hope to see you then.

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### **Ramblers Group**

The walks for the Ramblers in February are as follows.

Date	Start	Leader	Phone
4th Feb	Barlaston	Angela	01538 751094
11th Feb	Cheadle	Glynis	01538 752815
18th Feb	TBA	Phil	01538 756256
25th Feb	Cheadle	Mike P.	01538 753979

Regards  
Phil Lawton  
Ramblers group leader

### Short Walks - Leaders list for 2019 (18 January 2019)

Date	Venue	Leader	Contact Details
<b><u>First Half of Year</u></b>			
7 Jan	-----		
14 Jan	Croxton Quarry	Every One	
21 Jan	Milwich	Tony and Glen	
28 Jan	Ellerstone	Alan	
4 Feb	-----		
11 Feb		Gerald, Gladys & Trevor	
18 Feb	Consall	Alan and Beryl	
25 Feb	Valentines Lunch Royal Oak Dilhorne	Fay Wright	Confirmed
4 Mar	Ipstones	June and Mick	
11 Mar		Tony and Glen	
18 Mar		Fay Wright	
25 Mar		Pat and Dorothy	
1 Apr	-----		
8 Apr	Coach Bakewell/Chatsworth	Trip Alan and Beryl	Confirmed
15 Apr		Janet and Phil	
22 Apr	Easter Monday	No Walk	
29 Apr		Dot and Judy	
6 May	May Bank Holiday	No Walk	
13 May			
20 May	Greatgate	Eric and Margaret	
27 May	Spring Bank Holiday		
3 June	-----		
10 June		Gwen and Helen	
17 June	Oakover/Mapleton	Alan and Beryl	
24 June		Gill and Joy	
1 July	-----		
8 July	Leek	Eric and Margaret	
15 July			
22 July	Weavers Hill	Alan and Beryl	

Please contact Group Leader for further details.  
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Alan Mendelson 01538 703161

**U3A Travel Group**

Hi, my name is Pammie Mellor and I am taking over organizing the holidays, days out and theatre excursions for Cheadle U3A. If you have ideas, suggestions or particular places you would like to visit, please do not hesitate to get in touch. When I attend the next coffee morning I will be handing out a small questionnaire, to find out what people would like to do, please feel free to fill these in, as it will help me tailor trips that would be appealing. If you wish to get in touch, with your suggestions please feel free to email me at [mellorwest@aol.com](mailto:mellorwest@aol.com) or phone me on 01538 756583. If unavailable, please leave a message. Look forward to meeting you at the coffee morning.  
Pammie.

### **VERSE AND WORSE POETRY GROUP**

The Cheadle U3A poetry group, now in its 15th year, currently has a few vacancies for new members. The group is very informal, as current and past members will testify. No special knowledge of poetry (or of anything else for that matter) is required. Members can take part in the monthly activities or simply come along and listen should they wish, although most are happy to be involved ultimately if not initially. Monthly themes or topics range right across the gamut of poetry from humour through to more serious material. There is no necessity to be able to compose poetry, nor, will you be asked to, although there are people in the group capable of writing verse.

Should you be interested we would ask that you contact Alan and Barbara Lewis on 01538754208 for a chat about the group or alternatively e-mail [alandbarblew2@talktalk.net](mailto:alandbarblew2@talktalk.net).

### **MUSIC ENJOYMENT GROUP**

As those who were regular members are aware the music enjoyment group has not functioned over the past few months as was intended due to an unforeseen family problem and for other reasons. I apologise for the curtailment of the group but hopefully this is only temporary. I consider that it is barely worth restarting the activity at present since I normally only run it until April/May. I have e-mail addresses of those who expressed interest in the revamped format I intended to use. I hope therefore to restart the group later in the year and will inform you nearer the time. Anyone wishing information can contact me on 01538754208 or e-mail [alan.lewis563@gmail.com](mailto:alan.lewis563@gmail.com)

Alan Lewis

### **Membership Secretary.**

Hello everyone, a very happy new year to you all and I hope you all enjoyed the festive period. Firstly, a big thank you to Jenny, Helen and Marian for their help at the January coffee morning. Also, to Chris, who has always been there to assist me in so many ways. I am so grateful. I had surgery before Christmas and been unable to write and this is ongoing but I am being supported so am getting on with the job as best I can. I would like to remind you all that February coffee morning will be the last renewal opportunity, so please, if you haven't renewed, come or send me a sae for your card to be sent to you. At the end of February, you will be deleted from our database if you have not paid your subs. I must add I have met some lovely people and you have been most patient. This year has gone well, we have a happy and healthy U3A thank you. Regards Val Egerton (Membership Secretary)

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